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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
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In response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 22, 2002, the period for response being extended through July 22, 2002 by the accompanying Three-month Petition for Extension of time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Preferred embodiments of the invention may have one or more of the following additional features. The sprinkler further comprises a sprinkler body defining an orifice and an outlet for delivering a flow of fluid from a source, and a deflector mounted with a first surface opposed to flow of fluid from the outlet, the deflector defining at least two reentrant slots disposed in opposition about a deflector axis, the reentrant slots extending from the first surface through the deflector, and the reentrant slots extending from slot openings at an outer peripheral edge of the deflector inwardly from the peripheral edge toward the deflector axis. Preferably, the reentrant slots extend inwardly along reentrant slot centerlines, and each of the reentrant slots has